



Colorado River Management Plan National Environmental Policy Act

What is NEPA?

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is the basic policy for American environmental protection. It sets forth policy and goals and a means for carrying out its principles. NEPA ensures that federal agencies act in good faith during federal undertakings. Details of NEPA are found in 40 CFR 1500-1508.

Public Scoping and Comment

How Long is the Scoping Process?

The scoping process includes an initial inventory of public and affected agencies. This process can last 60 or more days for an Environmental Impact Statement.

How Long Does Formal Public Review Last?

Formal public review must last for at least a minimum of 60-days for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.



How to Comment on the CRMP

Mail comments to:

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Grand Canyon National Park
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Grand Canyon, AZ 86023

Or by Email at:

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All emails should be sent as text files with no special characters or encryption.

Please include your name, email address, and mailing address with all comments.

Comments may be hand delivered to Grand Canyon National Park.

Why NEPA?

When a Federal action is planned, the interested public and affected agencies are allowed the opportunity to provide input, identify issues, and to offer solutions prior to the preparation of the final NEPA document. This is accomplished through:

- Scoping
- Formal Public Review



How Does NEPA Relate to the CRMP?

- The CRMP is a planning document that will address the management of the Colorado River within Grand Canyon National Park,
- The EIS is a detailed environmental document that analyzes the impacts of the various management alternatives.
- The EIS will help the National Park Service to determine the preferred management alternative and this alternative will provide the basis for updating the CRMP.

Timeline for EIS and CRMP

Notice of Intent (NOI) to Public	Spring/Summer 2002
Public Scoping	Summer 2002
Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to Public	Summer 2003
Public Review and Comment of DEIS	Autumn 2003
Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) to Public	December 31, 2004
Colorado River Management Plan Completed	December 31, 2004

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service

Colorado River Management Plan, Environmental Impact Statement,
Grand Canyon National Park, AZ

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact
statement for the Colorado River Management Plan, Grand Canyon
National Park.

NEPA In Action

For more information check out these websites for information on NEPA and the NEPA process.

<http://planning.den.nps.gov/tools.cfm>
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/ceq/>
<http://www.epa.gov/epahome/laws.htm>
<http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/index.html>

